## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

JUBILEE HEALTHCARE, INC.	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
VS.	) Case No. 4:16-cv-2	196
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS	)	
Defendants	)	

## **APPENDIX TO NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Defendant Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation ("BCBSTX"), respectfully files the following Appendix to Notice of Removal.

Exhibit 1: Docket Sheet from Cause No. 16-JSC12-00248; Jubilee Healthcare, Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois; In the Justice Court, Precinct 1, Place 2, Fort Bend County, Texas

Exhibit 2: Original Petition in Cause No. 16-JSC12-00248, filed June 15, 2016

Exhibit 3: Original Answer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois in Cause No. 16-JSC12-00248, filed July 8, 2016

Exhibit 4: Original Citation issued to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois in Cause No. 16-JSC12-00248, issued June 15, 2016

Exhibit 5: List of counsel of record

## Respectfully submitted,

By:/s/ Andrew F. MacRae ANDREW F. MACRAE State Bar No. 00784510 LEVATINO|PACE PLLC 1101 S. Capital of Texas Hwy Building K, Suite 125 Austin, Texas 78746 Tel: (512) 637-1581 Fax: (512) 637-1583

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## REGISTER OF ACTIONS

CASE No. 16-JSC12-00248

Jubilee Healthcare Inc. vs Blue Cross Blueshield of Illinois, Raymond F McCaskey /CEO

§ ş § Case Type: Small Claims Date Filed: 06/15/2016

Location: JP1-2

PARTY INFORMATION

Defendant Blue Cross Blueshield of Illinois

Chicago, IL 60601

**Attorneys** Andrew F. MacRae Retained 512-637-1581(W)

Location: Fort Bend Images Help

Defendant McCaskey /CEO, Raymond F

Chicago, IL 60601

Plaintiff or Petitioner

Jubilee Healthcare Inc. Sugar land, TX 77479

**EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT** 

OTHER EVENTS AND HEARINGS

Blue Cross Blueshield of Illinois

Served Response Due 06/24/2016 09/22/2016

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McCaskey /CEO, Raymond F

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Plaintiff or Petitioner Jubilee Healthcare Inc.

**Total Financial Assessment Total Payments and Credits** Balance Due as of 07/21/2016

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Transaction Assessment

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# JUBILEE HEALTHCARE, INC.



BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois 300 East Randolph Street Chicago, Illinois 60680. April 20, 2016

Re: Jubilee Healthcare, Inc., Creditor

Home Health Services

Patient Name: Marie Pacheco Provider Tax ID: 205827104 Your Member ID: 839260198 Patient Account No: 11087-ABRA

Dear sir or madam

The purpose of this letter is to demand of money owed regarding your open Account. On October 18, 2011, the amount owed is \$16,900.00. This total amount consists of \$16,900.00, principal; \$0.00, interest accrued through October 18, 2011.

Demand is now made for payment of the debt. If Jubilee did not receive the full payment within 30 days, the only option left is to file a complaint to the Texas Commissioner of Insurance.

Jubilee has made several demands regarding this debt. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely Chike Mbonu (CFO) cell # 713-344-4519

Subject: JUBILEE HEALTHCARE INC BILLING ISSUES

From: Jubilee Healthcare Inc. - Mbonu, Nkoli RN (jubileehhcr@yahoo.com)

To: veronica.guess@kgmbsolution.com; mbonulaw@yahoo.com; jubileehhcr@yahoo.com;

Date: Friday, May 20, 2016 1:25 PM

How are you? This is Chike Mbonu, I will like to set up appointment to meet with discuss issues about Jubilee Insurance companies unpaid claims and others. Most of the insurance companies said that you did not sent them the bills for example ,Bravo, Well-care, Blue Cross Blue Shields, Humana .Please I need an urgent reply.

Sincerely, Chike Mbonu Cell-713-344-4519



Chike Mbonu To:

Company: Fax:

12817621716

Phone:

Rosemary Venegas From:

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E-mail:

NOTES: Marie Pacheco

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Thanks,
RoseMary Venegas
Executive Inquiry Specialist, SDO
Phone (972)766-5373 or ext. 6-5373
rosemary\_venegas@bcbstx.com



May 16, 2016

Sent via fax:

281-762-1716

Number of Pages:

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Chike Mbonu Jubilee Healthcare, Inc. 3102 Aspen Hollow Lane Sugar Land, Tx 77479 Product Type: PPO
Subscriber: Marie Pacheco
Patient: Marie Pacheco
Group/ID: Marie Pacheco

Group/ID: 444904 / 839260198

#### Dear Mr. Mbonu:

I am writing in response to your inquiry received in our office on May 9, 2016. In the inquiry, you state the provider is owed \$16,900.00 for services rendered to the above mentioned patient.

Marie Pacheco is covered by a health plan offered to employees of BNSF Railway Company. The coverage was effective January 1, 2009 and is currently active.

The insured's membership is with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL), the "Home Plan." The Home Plan holds the membership information and administers benefits. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX), the "Host Plan" administers claim processing for the Texas Providers.

When Texas Providers file their claims with BCBSTX, the claim information is transmitted to the Home Plan. The Home Plan determines the payment according to the group's benefits and the Host Plan's allowable amounts. The benefit determination is transmitted back to the Host Plan. The Host Plan notifies the provider of the claim's disposition and makes any applicable payment.

After a review of your concerns we have determined BCBSTX has received two claims totaling \$16,900.00 from Jubilee Healthcare, Inc.

 Claim 2233501J0870X for dates of service March 28, 2011 to April 28, 2011 and billed charge \$12,500.0 was received by BCBSTXS on August 20, 2012. The claim information was transmitted to BCBSIL. BCBIL Illinois transmitted the approval to allow benefits. Thus, the benefit payment of \$3,750.00 was paid to the provider on September 6, 2012 by electronic check E7541943. The patient share is \$8,750.00 (\$2500.00 coinsurance & \$6,250.00 ineligible amount over the Allowable Amount). Since Jubilee Health Care Inc., is not a Provider in the PPO Network the patient is responsible for this amount.

• Claim 126303000030C for dates of service March 28, 2011 through April 28, 2011 and billed amount \$4,400.00 was received by BCBSTX on September 20, 2011. The claim was withdrawn due to incorrect prefix being submitted. A response letter was sent to the provider on October 10, 2011 (copy attached). The claim was re-registered on February 12, 2013 under claim 304305020440C; however, was also withdrawn as the Provider Tax ID was missing. A response letter was sent to the provider on February 27, 2013 (copy attached).

Based on the information reviewed the claim (2233501J0870X) for \$12,500.00 has been processed correctly. The patient share is \$6,250.00. Since the provider is Out-of-Network and does not have a contract with BCBSTX they do not have to accept our Allowable Amount as full satisfaction of the claim. Therefore the provider can balance bill the member the difference in the billed amount and the Allowable Amount. It is the provider's choice whether or not they balance bill the patient for amounts over the Allowable Amount or discount a portion of the bill.

Based on the information reviewed the claim (304305020440C) for \$4,400.00 was submitted with no Provider Tax ID. Our records indicate this charges were never resubmitted after the response letter dated February 27, 2013 was sent to the provider. At this time, BCBSTX would need a corrected claim that shows all of the necessary information before we could process the charges for \$4,400.00.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our Customer Service Department at (800) 521-2227.

Sincerely,

Rase Mary V. 131013

Executive Inquiry Specialist

Attachment(s):

Response dated October 10, 2011

Response dated February 12, 2013

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From: CHIKE MBONU < mbonulaw@yahoo.com>

To: "rosemary\_venegas@bcbstx.com" <rosemary\_venegas@bcbstx.com>, Nkoli Mbonu <jubileehhcr@yahoo.com>

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Subject:

Jubile Health Care Claim- Marie Pacheco

Group/ID: Marie Pacheco 444904 / 839260198 See Attachment HCSC Company Disclaimer

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#### Attachments

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Defendant	)	FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

## **ORIGINAL ANSWER**

Defendant Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, a division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, on its own behalf and on behalf of Raymond F. McCaskey to the extent he is a party defendant, files the following Original Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition.

#### General Denial

BCBSTX enters a General Denial pursuant to Rule 92.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois requests that Plaintiff take nothing by its suit, and that BCBSIL be awarded its costs of court. BCBSIL further requests such other relief, both legal and equitable, to which it may show itself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

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Attorney for Defendant Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Original Answer has been forwarded to all parties of record, this 7th day of July, 2016, as follows:

Via e-mail: jubileehhcr@yahoo.com Chike R. Mbonu 3102 Aspen Hollow Lane Sugar Land, Texas 77479

Andrew F MacRae





#### SMALL CLAIMS / DEBT CLAIM CITATION

Honorable Mary S. Ward Justice of the Peace, Pct 1, Pl 2 FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

Case No.: 16-JSC12-00248

Jubilee Healthcare Inc.

Blue Cross Blueshield of Illinois, Raymond F

McCaskey

IN THE JUSTICE COURT

Justice of the Peace, Pct 1, Pl 2

FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FORT BEND

TO: ANY SHERIFF, CONSTABLE OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW, OR ANY PERSON CERTIFIED UNDER ORDER OF THE TEXAS SUPREME COURT:

Deliver this citation to: Blue Cross Blueshield of Illinois

By serving CEO Raymond F. McCaskey

300 Randolph ST Chicago IL 60601

#### To the Defendant:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney to help you in defending against this lawsuit. But you are not required to employ an attorney. You or your attorney must file an answer with the court. Your answer is due by the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the day you were served with these papers. If the 14th day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, your answer is due by the end of the first day following the 14th day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Do not ignore these papers. If you do not file an answer by the due date, a default judgment may be taken against you. For further information, consult Part V of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, which is available online and also at the court listed on this citation. Your written answer may be filed at Justice of the Peace, Pct 1, Pl 2, 1517 Eugene Heimann Circle, Suite 100 Richmond TX 77469.

This citation is issued pursuant to a petition filed by the above-named plaintiff. The Plaintiff's demand being for the sum of \$10,000.00, together with attorney fees, cost of court, interest as provided by law and general relief. A copy of the Petition filed 06/15/2016 is attached.

Issued and given under my hand, Texas, 6/15/2016.

Honorable Mary S. Ward Justice of the Peace, Pct 1, Pl 2

Fort Bend County, Texas By Lu Wille

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EXHIBIT 5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiff is not represented by counsel. The information provided is for the individual who filed the suit, as Plaintiff's agent.